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The Honorable Commissioner of Patents
Alexandria, Virginia 22313-1450

Dear Commissioner:

I hereby certify that the attached U.S. Plant Patent Application including the items listed below are being deposited with the United States Postal Service "Express Mail Post Office to Addressee" service under 37 CFR 1.10 on the date indicated above and is addressed to Mail Stop Patent Application, Commissioner of Patents, Alexandria, Virginia 22313-1450. Transmitted herewith for filing under 35 U.S.C. §111 and 37 CFR §1.53 is the plant patent application of:

INVENTOR: HARRY G. J. VERDUIN
TITLE: ASTILBE PLANT NAMED 'RHYTHM AND BLUES'

In connection with this application, the following are enclosed:

- 11 Pages of written description, claims and abstract.
- 1 Sheet of photographs, in color, in duplicate, as required by Rule 165.
- 1 Executed Declaration of the Inventor including Authorization of Agent.
- 1 Assignment of the Invention to Inspiration Plant CV of Lisse, The Netherlands.
- 1 Nonpublication Request under 35 U.S.C. 122(b)(2)(B)(i).
- 1 **Check in the amount of \$560.00 is enclosed for the required U.S. Plant Patent Filing Fee (\$520.00) and Assignment Recordation Fee (\$40.00).**

Respectfully submitted,

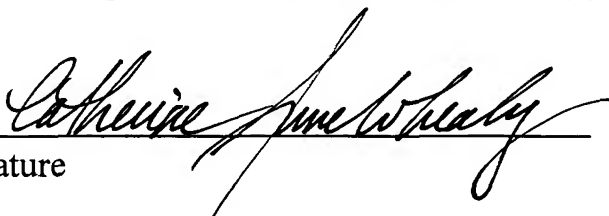
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	Title	Astilbe Plant Named 'RHYTHM AND BLUES'

I hereby certify that the invention disclosed in the attached **application has not and will not be** the subject of an application filed in another country, or under a multilateral agreement, that requires publication at eighteen months after filing.

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Date: July 28, 2003


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